

WILSON IS THE LOWEST BIDDER ON BELT ROAD

That it will cost sixteen thousand dollars a mile to construct the Oahu belt road, that there is a very wide difference in the opinions of local contractors as to what it should cost, and that the loan fund commission's attitude of secrecy didn't work as to control bids, was developed today by the opening of belt road bids. Johnny Wilson was the lowest bidder, as everybody knew before the belt road commission knew it, and presumably the contract for the five miles of road with which the loan fund commission starts its belt road work will go to "Johnny" Wilson, former road supervisor, and son of the man who now holds the job "Johnny" Wilson had.

The time for opening the bids was two o'clock this afternoon. The commission announced that it would receive bids up to noon today and open them at a meeting to be held at two. Nine bids went in. The contractors were accustomed to a system of opening bids at the close of the time for receiving them, and they were all on hand with their bids at noon. But they had to wait two hours for a formal meeting of the commission, and naturally began to compare notes.

Contractors Compare Notes.
They told each other all their bids, and there was wild excitement in front of Castle & Cooke's, where Secretary Petrie of the loan fund commission received the bids, for a time. Andrew Adams, of the commission,

also had a chance to get excited. A contractor met him with a remark about the lowness of a rival contractor's bid.

"How do you know his bid when the bids are not opened yet?" he demanded.

"We have 'em all," was the reply, "and are comparing. We don't care now about the opening business."

All Know Ahead of Time.

The contractors gave each other their figures as soon as the time for putting in bids was closed—all but "Johnny" Wilson, who didn't happen to be around. It appeared that Lord & Young, as in the breakwater proposition, had cut under all the rest, but there was a search for the source of the unknown bid. It proved to be Wilson, and he was just \$410 under Lord and Young.

The bids were as follows:
Honolulu Con. & Dry Co. \$109,000
Lord & Young 79,710
Concrete Construction Co. 91,462
Duncan & Harding 85,594
Bowman 89,950
John Wilson 79,300
L. M. Whitehouse 83,578
Hustace-Peck Company 83,700
John Wise 84,000

The road can't be built according to specifications at the price, said several contractors after they knew the figures. It has been costing the city and county about \$23,000 a mile to do belt road work, and the bid is \$16,000 a mile.

CIVIC FEDS SEND IMPORTANT CABLE

A meeting of the Civic Federation was held at noon today in the room of the Public Service Association for the purpose of protesting at the order of Surgeon-General Wyman directing the local quarantine officers to disregard certain regulations heretofore operative concerning vessels coming to this port from South American, Central American and Mexican ports.

The meeting was very largely attended by members of the association. Doctor Hobdy presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the Stegomyia calopus is the sole means of communicating yellow fever, and
"Whereas this mosquito is universal distributed throughout this city, and
"Whereas this port is, on account of its latitude, infestible with yellow fever throughout the entire year, and
"Whereas, because of these facts,

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GREAT STRIKE MAY BE STARTED ON SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The Harriman officials having refused the demands of the shopmen, G. W. Kline, the international president, and a blacksmith by trade, says that a strike will begin on Saturday morning. Thirty-five thousand carmen, machinists and sheet metal workers and 7000 belonging to the Pacific Division will go out. Special police are being sworn in in various cities and at the stockades.

FINAL FRISCO RETURNS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—The final returns of the city and county election give Ralph 47,982, McCarthy 26,497 votes.

A TRUST COMPLYING.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—The Harvester trust begins its disintegration today and will abolish the central selling agency.

TAFT ON CONDITIONS.

WATERLOO, Sept. 28.—President Taft spoke here today on the relation of the government to business and the restoration of confidence between all classes.

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SCHOOL CROWDING MAKES TRUANTS BUT BEING REMEDIED IN SOME PLACES BY OPEN AIR CLASSES

"At a number of country schools where we found it necessary owing to the number of pupils, to teach in double shifts, the new system is working very well—in fact it is much more satisfactory than the teachers and others who were skeptical about it had expected."

Superintendent Pope, of the Department of Education, spent all day yesterday in company with County Engineer Gere in visiting the country schools of this island and studying the needs in the various districts. Everywhere there seems to be more or less congestion, and Mr. Pope made the above statement in referring to one of the means which has been employed in some of the schools to make a small building serve the place of one twice the size.

School Out of Doors.
"At Alea one set of children are being taught in the forenoon and another set in the afternoon, and both pupils and teachers seem to like it very well," continued Mr. Pope. "At

Waipahu they are teaching on the lanais and in the teachers' cottages—in fact part of the school is practically out of doors. Later when the weather prevents this it is the intention to double up as at Alea. In this way we will do without a cheap, substitute addition which would have to be built, and we will get in and work to get a new twelve-room school for that place for next year."

Mr. Pope, Engineer Gere, and all others interested agreed that it would be a mistake to put up shacks that could only serve for a short time. At the present time there are pupils enough around Waipahu to fill about ten rooms, while there are but six available now.

At Kahului the double shift plan is working quite well, and this will be continued with a view to getting a new six-room school next year, from the special tax which the Counties will then be empowered to levy for this purpose. There are but four

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Pleads Guilty To Charge Of Burning An Auto

In the police court this morning George Spencer, a well known local chauffeur, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious injury preferred by George Humphrey on behalf of the Von Hamm-Young Company, and at the request of Prosecuting Officer Brown, sentence was deferred till Saturday.

It appears that Kapeka M. Cummins last January mortgaged a four-cylinder Lozier touring car to the Von Hamm-Young Company and put same in the rent service. The amount of the mortgage is said to have been \$1000.

On September 13, with the mortgage still in force, Spencer, who was acting as Mrs. Cummins's chauffeur, negligently and maliciously burned and injured the Lozier car, thereby injuring and disturbing the firm of Von Hamm-Young Company in its rights and privileges in regard to said auto.

The auto was insured for \$4000 and the matter of the burning of the car was investigated by the police at the request of the company.

A man named Mead was arrested and sweated, and told the police a story which led to the arrest of Spencer, who made a confession which, it is alleged, incriminates Mrs. Cummins in the matter of the alleged incendiarism.

According to Spencer, he and Mead assisted in the attempt to destroy the car by fire at Kaimuki on the 13th inst., which attempt, however, was only partly successful. Spencer in his confession is alleged to have stated that Mrs. Cummins had told him to burn the car, and that with the insurance she would buy another car and put it in the rent service, employing Spencer as her chauffeur. The Lozier

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OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER

Strange and Interesting Ethnological Discovery in the Golden State—An Indian Who Is The Least Civilized Man on Earth But Who is Learning Quickly.

By ERNEST N. SMITH.
(Special Correspondence of The Star.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—"Ishi"—the Uncontaminated—the scientists call him; "the most uncivilized man in all the world," is the way he is known to the average householder, "the world's greatest human wonder, the barbarous, uncivilized man, captured in the remote wilds of California after a desperate struggle—the only one of its kind in captivity"—that is about the way the runners for museums and circuses were ready to announce his engagement, but the professors at the University of California were strangely unappreciative of commercial sagacity and flatly refused the various money offers made

for this strange Indian who has just come into their possession. To be more explicit, "Ishi" is one of the greatest anthropological finds of recent years. He is supposed to be the last member of what was once a large Indian tribe, but which has always been known as one of the wildest on the continent. The Deer Creek Indians, while fairly well known to the early settlers, resented the advance of civilization in the west, and after fighting the advance of the white man, they made one last desperate stand about forty years ago in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Defeated, then they disappeared in the

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PAHALA'S INTERNATIONAL EPISODE PETERED OUT

The case of brutality on the part of a luna on the Pahala plantation, which reached here in a letter to the Advertiser, published this morning, apparently is without any substantial foundation. Consul Canavaro, representative of the Spanish and Portuguese governments in Hawaii, the Territorial Immigration Board and the attorney general's office have all been investigating the matter, since it was called to the consul's attention some days ago, and from what has already been learned, the trouble resolves itself into one disgruntled Spaniard who would not work and who tried to get other laborers to quit also, but without success.

Consul Canavaro stated this morning that his first letter stated that the man Trigo had been badly beaten by a luna on the Pahala plantation, and that others of the man's countrymen who protested were discharged. He wrote for more information to the author of the letter and received the reply that there was nothing in the charges as first made. Instead, Trigo

had been caught loafing and smoking by the luna, who had ordered the man to work and had jerked the pipe he was smoking from his mouth. Trigo then left the plantation of his own accord, returning later and attempting to get other laborers to leave also. None had been discharged, and none had left.

The investigation of the Board of Immigration brought out the same facts through a different source, and the attorney general's department has not yet heard from the investigation it put on foot.

W. G. Ogg, manager of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company, on which plantation the assault was supposed to have occurred, is in the city at the present time, and he also strongly denies the story.

Consul Canavaro, in speaking of the matter, stated that his investigation was simply a matter of routine of his office, and that he is satisfied that there is no truth in the first report sent to him. He will let the matter drop.

KINGSBURY MAY STOP TREE-CUTTING

(Wireless to the Star.)
WAILUKU, Sept. 27.—Judge Kingsbury has issued an order for the Cornell Ranch to show cause why an injunction shall not be issued against the ranch for cutting trees on the property at Kihel which is being sought by homesteaders. The injunction is returnable on Saturday.

MRS. MAY LEFT NEARLY 50,000

According to the report of the appraisers, the estate of the late Julia Adelaide May, widow of the late Tom May, is worth, \$49,634.55. Personal property consists of \$20,234.55 from her husband's estate and \$4000 representing two shares of Halawa plantation. Real property consists of land on Kinau, Lunaliu and Pensacola streets, Honolulu, \$23,500; land in Kihel, \$400, and three other pieces of land, \$2500. F. J. Lindeman, W. P. Fennell and P. N. Folsom were the appraisers.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Chane Ik Hal, the Korean charged with the murder of a fellow countryman at Kahuku, was found not guilty by the jury in Judge Cooper's court this afternoon.

There was some evidence that another man was the homicide, which occurred in a sort of rough house affair. Lorrin Andrews and Lyle Dickey both made closing addresses on behalf of the defendant to the jury. It took only a short time to reach the verdict. County Attorney Cathcart conducted the prosecution throughout.

MAY APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

The attorney general's department is considering the matter of appealing the license tax case decision to the United States Supreme Court from the judgment of the Territorial Supreme Court, handed down yesterday. The case is one which has been much discussed, and was to compel the treasurer to refund money paid for licenses under a law since held to be invalid. The last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for paying these claims, but since this amount was insufficient to pay all, the treasurer refused to pay any, and the case in question was a suit to compel his compliance.

A MAUI PARK AND HOSPITAL

The County of Maui is to get two pieces of land from the Territory, one for a park and the other for a hospital farm, as soon as Governor Frear can make out the required order for the transfer.

The request came from the Maui board of supervisors, through its chairman, W. F. Pogue, but the Governor also had his attention called to the matter during his recent visit to the Valley Isle, and he entirely approved both projects.

The park proposition is for the town of Wailuku, and involves a piece of land containing 6.65 acres. The

IS CONSIDERING THE WATER RIGHTS

The status of the Waiahole water ownership, brought to the fore by the Oahu Sugar Company's project to bring these waters as well as others on the Koolau side to this side of the island by means of a big tunnel, has been receiving some attention from the governor and the commissioner of public lands since their return from Hawaii a few days ago. Governor Frear stated this morning that he expects that the Territory will have some definite opinions formulated within a few days as to this matter.

The plantation company, it will be remembered, is asking the Territory simply for a right of way for its tunnel, and is dealing for the water solely with L. L. McCandless, who claims it. The Territory, however, claims a portion of the water, also, and also some value for the water power which will be destroyed by the big project if carried through. The plantation's option from McCandless expires in about another week, and the Territory will probably make its position clear within that time, so as not to needlessly interfere with the proposition.

hospital land is asked in behalf of the tuberculosis hospital maintained by the county in Kula. It is the aim, in so far as possible, make the institution self-supporting, and to this end 150 acres of land will be given. Besides the value of the produce which may be produced, it is expected that many of the patients will be benefited by light work about such a farm.